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The undersigned agent of record contacted the Examiner assigned to this case by telephone on Tuesday, October 9, 2003. The Examiner indicated that she would look into this matter. Applicants are filing the present paper in order to provide a written record of the erroneous Notice of Abandonment and to provide the PTO with copies of the documents relevant to rescission of the erroneous abandonment. Should the PTO have any further questions

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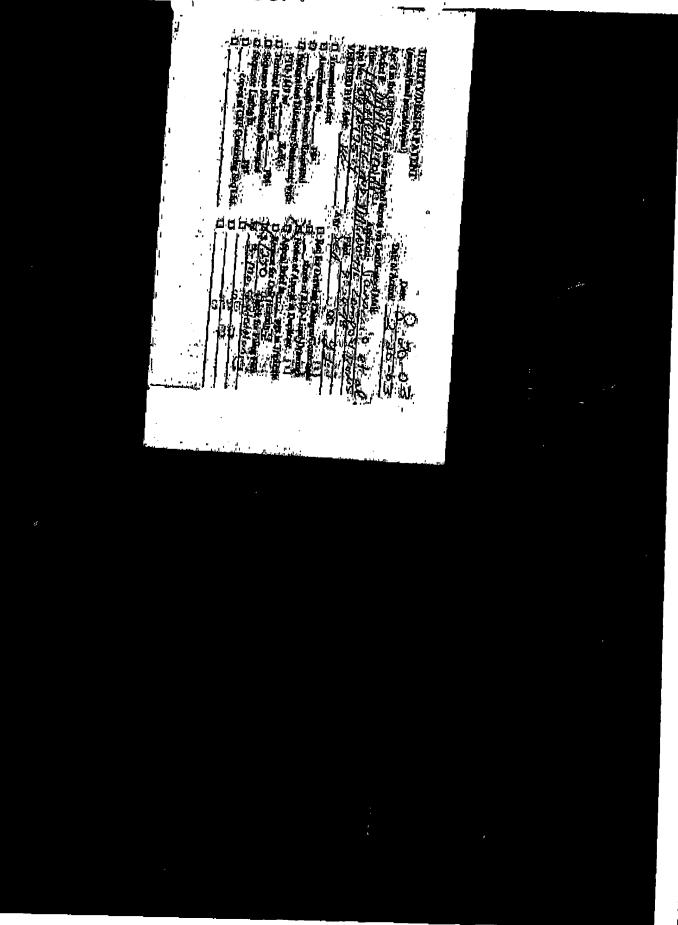
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